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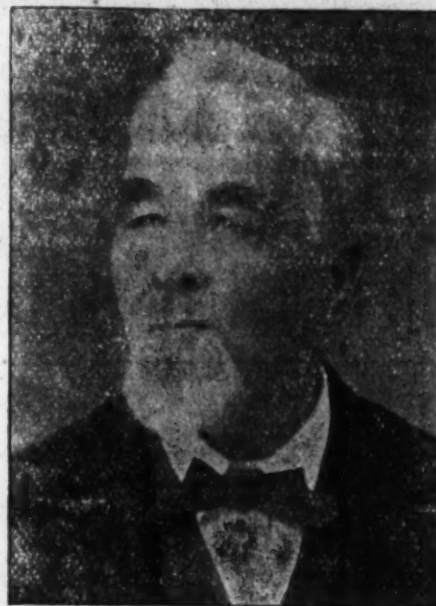
MRS. FANNIE JACKSON COPPIN, A.M., 1-23-13

Wife of Bishop Levi J. Coppin, who died at her residence, 1913
Bainbridge street, Tuesday evening, January 21st, 1913
at 9 o'clock. The funeral will take place from
Bethel A. M. E. Church, Philada., Pa.,
Monday 27th inst., at 11 a. m.

In Memoriam

With profound regret we announce the death of our beloved father, the editor and founder of this paper which occurred on Thursday, April 17th, 1913, at 7:07 p.m. It is not for us to do other than to express the sorrow which we feel, and which we know will be shared with us by his many thousands of friends throughout the south and the United States. The knowledge that the eighty and more years of his useful and serviceable life were spent in efforts for the uplift and benefit of the cause of his God, his people and humanity softens the feeling of loss that besets us, and makes us thankful that he lived not in vain. We shall endeavor in the time that is before us to, as far as we are able, continue that work which he has wrought so well, and under the guidance of

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By William J. White, D.D.

a benign Providence, carry it to fruition. To this end, and for this purpose, we shall strive believing that we may feel assured in advance of the support and encouragement that has been his in the past. To the many friends all over the country whose grief has been expressed in messages of sympathy, our thanks are tendered. That noble spirit has crossed the Great Divide and, together with the loving wife who had preceded him, with the benediction of the Master Whom they both loved and served, they "rest in the shade of the trees."

Isaiah W. White,
Anna White Shaw,
Lucien Hayden White,
Mamie White Blocker,
William J. White, Jr.
Claudia Turner White,
Josephine White Williams.

William J. White, D.D.

Memoirs

No better sketch of the life of Rev. William J. White could be written than that furnished by him to a committee of citizens representing the colored citizens of Augusta who presented him with a purse on the occasion of his 79th birthday, December 25, 1911. It is more complete than any other that we could furnish. Rev. White was born Decem-

ber 25, 1832, at Ruckersville, Elbert Co., Ga., and at the time of his death had reached the age of 80 years, 3 months and 23 days. The sketch, written by his own hand, was as follows:

I have given long years of service to my fellowmen, but they have been to me joyous years. Occupying a position peculiar to myself, my labors have been in a large measure individual. While but a small boy I gathered chestnuts in the woods, which, by direction of my now sainted mother I sold at the town store of Ruckersville, Ga., for a sevenpence (12 1-2 cents. Back to the same store mother sent me with the chestnut money to purchase a spelling book. I soon returned with Webster's Blue-back Speller. Mother started me at once to learn the A. B. C.'s. I became intensely interested in my book, and on the following Sunday morning I interrupted mother while eating her breakfast to tell me the names of letters composing the alphabet. I never had a happier Sunday morning. Before leaving my mother at seven years old to become a factory boy eight miles away, I had gone pretty well through this speller and here the foundation of my education was laid. Further efforts to obtain an education cannot be taken up at this time, except to say that though separated from my mother from this time on, I have never relaxed my studies to increase my education. I have made this reference to my education because to myself it is the most interesting subject connected with my life work. When I reached early manhood I had acquired a reasonably good education for that day. When going to learn the carpenter's trade at nineteen years of age, I was put by Mr. W. H. Goodrich Augusta's greatest house builder to work under one of his oldest and most skillful workmen, Samuel

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Ketch. Mr. Ketch soon discovered my education and in the spring of 1853 employed me to teach at his own home on lower Greene street Augusta all members of his family consisting of father, mother, and four bright children to which was added a few children of trusted friends. This was the beginning of my public life though the work had always to be done between suns, and as noiselessly as possible. I was not yet a christian and so my first service to my fellowmen was not along the line of God's service. During all of the nearly 3 score years since the opening of this little night school which I termed a "blockade school," of which I feel most proud, I have engaged in the work of teaching, all because of the start which my dear mother gave me in the acquisition of book knowledge God

her precious memory, now more than score years since her body was laid to rest. On the first day of October, 1855, I was born again, and entered with all of my soul upon christian life. I had no aspirations to the ministry and yet began to preach as soon as I became a christian. My deepest concern was with the young, and though I had never attended a Sunday-school, had not even seen a Sunday-school in session, I was strangely moved to start a Sunday-school; and so on the second Sunday, the 9th of January, 1859, I opened a Sunday-school at Springfield Baptist church, which is today the oldest colored Baptist Sunday-school in Georgia, and one of the most prosperous. Hundreds of precious souls have been brought to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ through the instrumentality of this school. Licensed first to exhort on the third Sunday in September, 1858, I was put by my church in line for the ministry. On the third Sunday in February 1862, I was licensed without my knowledge or consent to preach and appointment made for me to occupy the pulpit. On the first Sunday in April, 1866, I was ordained to the gospel ministry, in company with five others, Revs. J. C. Bryan, Henry Morgan, George Barnes, Alex Davis and Pathro Johnson.

Establishing a home for my family in a part of the city a mile away from my church, I united with a few others to establish a church that would be convenient for worship and Sunday-school. Bringing the matter to our mother church, Springfield, the movement was heartily endorsed, and trustees appointed to acquire a lot that was offered without cost by Mrs. Mary Bouyer McKinley. Name of new church, "Harmony", was selected by mother church in recognition of the harmonious conduct of those going out. On the second Sunday in May, 1868, Harmony church was organized and though I would not consent to accept the pastorate, I had to act as pastor and two months later, on the first Sunday in July I consented to be called and on the following Sunday I was formally installed. I served continuously until January 1899 when I resigned for one year. I was called back in 1900 served till 1904 when I again retired. After seven years retirement I was called again and am now serving them as pastor. Thirty-six years of pastoral work has been given to this church.

On Monday after the second Sunday in May, 1880, a committee of twelve was appointed by the Missionary Baptist Convention, then in session at the First Baptist church, Macon, Ga., to take steps and if possible start a denominational newspaper. The committee decided to start a paper to be known as The Georgia Baptist, and selected Rev. W. J. White as editor and publisher. This necessarily located the The Georgia Baptist at Augusta. With but little editorial training, I accepted this work, and put my whole soul,

mind and earthly possessions into it. This labor has gone on unremittingly for well into thirty-two years, and, still goes on. As to the work itself, you and thousands of others must witness.

My whole life as a christian has been spent in Augusta and the fact that this testimonial comes to me so largely from my home folks makes it far more valuable. That my fellow-townsmen have been joined by a number of the most distinguished men and women, white and colored, from all parts of Georgia and other states in all sections, greatly enhances its value to me. My earliest lessons on good behaviour were given by the dear mother whose memory I so much love and this has helped me to make friends through life. I ever try to so behave myself as to have the good opinion of others and to have such expression as this testimonial conveys at this evening time of life is more than delightful. No feeling of egotism crosses my mind in writing this letter to you kind friends, but I am moved to give you just a little insight into my public career as information and with the hope that some other one may be moved to make the best use of small opportunities; and to bear testimony to the value of mother's love long after she has passed away. For individual expressions which have come with the gifts from the donors I am profoundly grateful. I feel like giving them to the public but for the present at least withhold them. To the movers in this birthday celebration and to each donor thanks are gratefully tendered with the assurance that my full purpose is to continue as long as my life endures to fight the battles of the Lord and of the people.

BISHOP DERRICK DIES TUESDAY AT FLUSHING

Venerable Prelate Passes Away
After an Illness of Three
Months—Was in His Seventieth Year

Age — 4-17-13

After three months' sickness, Bishop William B. Derrick, of the A. M. E. Church, died Tuesday morning, April 15, at 10.45 o'clock, at his home, Bishop's Court, State street, Flushing, L. I., in his 70th year. Present in the death chamber were his wife, two daughters, Misses Minnebellie and Lillian, Mrs. Charles Neal and Mrs. Emil Mason, of Philadel-

phia, friends of the family, and the attendant physician, Dr. Dick, of Flushing.

About three months ago Bishop Derrick attended the funeral of a dear friend in Philadelphia and contracted cold. Complications set in and arterio sclerosis, or hardening of the arteries, set in. Everything that medical skill and loving attention could devise was done to counteract the disease. A few weeks ago the eminent surgeon, Dr. Daniel H. Williams, of Chicago, was called to Flushing for a consultation with Dr. Dick. It was evident then that the eminent prelate had but a few weeks of life. A few days later temporary relief was given the patient by a blood-letting operation performed by Dr. Dick.

The final relapse came Monday night about 9 o'clock. The physician was sent for but the Bishop was beyond human aid. He lingered until Tuesday morning, when he quietly and peacefully breathed his last.

One of the last wishes of the Bishop was that he might look upon the face of the Rev. Wm. H. H. Butler, a dear friend, before he died. Mr. Butler rang the doorbell just as the Bishop breathed his last. Present in the house at the same time was Bernard Taylor, grayhaired and stoop-shouldered, for fifty-two years a friend of Bishop Derrick. When President Lincoln sent out his first call for troops they enlisted together in the United States Navy from Boston and at the battle of Hampton Roads they stood side by side upon the deck of the grounded frigate "Minnesota" when she was shelled by the Confederate ironclad "Merrimac."

Bishop Derrick was born on the island of Antigua, British West Indies, in July, 1843. His father was a Scotchman and his mother a West Indian. They were of the planter's class and very religious. Antigua, on account of its schools and compulsory educational law, is known as

the "Athens of the West Indies." Young Derrick, when but five years of age, entered a private school, remaining for three years. Continuing his studies at another school, at 12 years of age, he entered Wilson High School. When 17 his parents sent him to England to finish his education, and he remained until the opening of the Civil War, when he came

to Boston and enlisted in the Navy as officer's steward.

Leaving the navy he began to prepare for the ministry. Bishop Brown of Baltimore, became interested in him and gave him valuable assistance. His first assignment was in 1866 as preacher and teacher among the emancipated slaves, and he took an active part in the affairs of church and state as regarded the freemen.

In 1896 he was elected to the bishopric over sixteen other candidates. He received forty-five more than the required number of votes for elec-



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tion. Since his election his time has been spent continually in traveling around his extensive diocese, which included a large part of the United States and extended into foreign countries.

Bishop Derrick had a wide reputation as a traveler. He had visited Italy, France, Switzerland, Scotland, Ireland, Africa, England, South America, Central America and the West Indies. He attended several International Church Congresses, and on invitation he preached the three hundred and fifty-fifth anniversary sermon in the Church of the Martyrs, Canterbury, England. In one of the rooms at Bishop's Court there hangs a gold framed resolution, the gift of the late King Edward VII. of England, in recognition of a sermon preached by Bishop Derrick in commemoration of his mother, Queen Victoria, several years ago while traveling in England.

Bishop's Court, Flushing, L. I., has been the home of Bishop Derrick and his family for twenty-six years, and is a place of great interest.

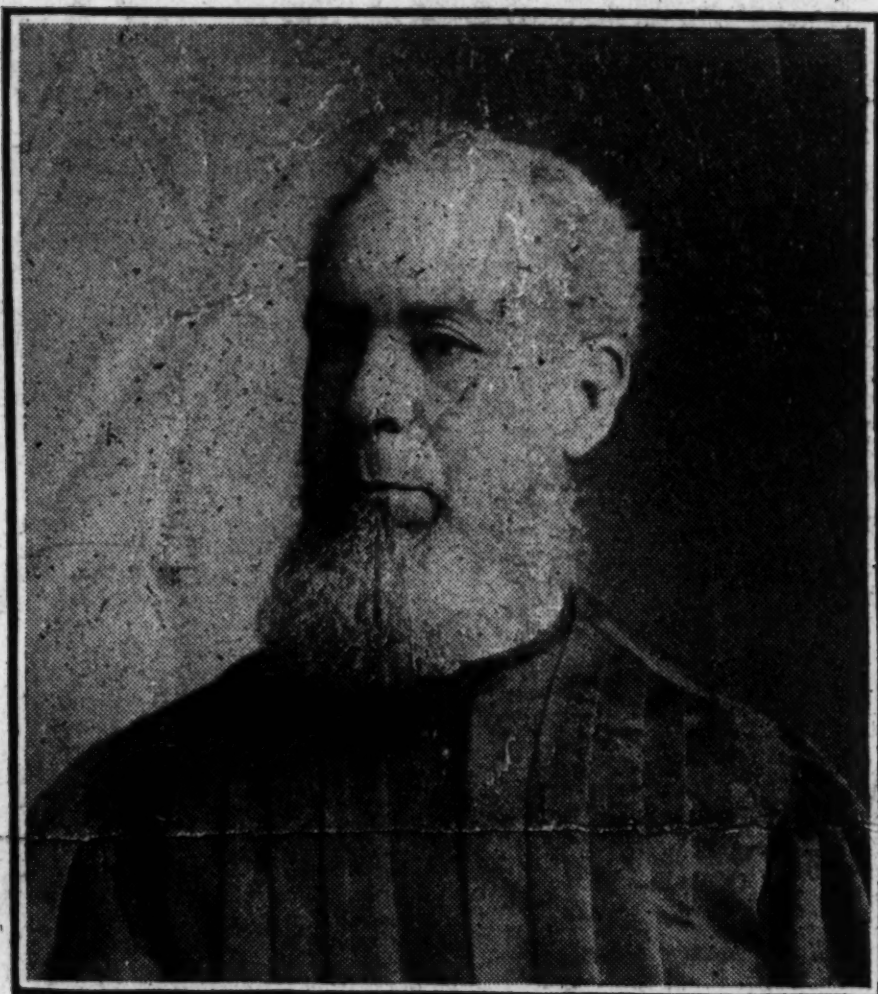
The body will lie in state at Bishop's Court, State street, from Saturday morning, April 19, until Monday morning, April 21. The funeral services will be held Monday at 11 o'clock and the bishops and prominent ministers of the connection will be present at the funeral.

Funeral arrangements are being looked after by Wiley G. Overton, undertaker, of 317 Bridge street, Brooklyn.

NEGRO BISHOP DIES.

NEW YORK, April 15.—The Right Rev. William B. Derrick, Bishop of the West Indies, South America, and the Islands of the Sea for the African Methodist Episcopal Church, died today at his home in Flushing, Long Island. Bishop Derrick was one of the most prominent men in the negro ministry. He was born in 1843, in Antigua, West Indies. Before entering the ministry he served in the United States navy, during the Civil War. Prior to his elevation to the Bishopric he was prominent as a political campaign orator.

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Bishop Salter Dead



Moses Buckingham Salter

Twenty-first Bishop of the A. M. E. Church; born in Charleston, S. C., Feb. 13th, 1841; elected Bishop May, 1892; Retired May, 1912; Died in Charleston, S. C., March 24th, 1913; Funeral Friday, March 28th At Emanuel Church, Charleston, S. C.

**Dr. White's Funeral
Largest in Augusta**

HUNDREDS OF SCHOOL CHILDREN ATTEND CEMETERY IN A BODY

Tribune - 4-16-13

Rev. C. T. Walker Conducted Funeral Services—Many Notable Persons Spoke of the Useful Life of the Deceased—Crowds of People Witnessed Funeral Procession—Floral Designs Beautiful

The funeral of Rev. William J. White, D.D., Editor of "The Georgia Baptist," Augusta, Ga., who died Thursday night, April 17th, took place Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Springfield Baptist church, that city. His body laid in state at Harmony Baptist church, of which he was pastor for a number of years and the church where he preached his last sermon which was on the Sunday previous to his death, through Sunday to Monday 12 o'clock, from whence it was carried to Springfield Baptist church where the services were held.

It was generally acknowledged by the residents of Augusta that Dr. White's funeral was the largest that has ever been held in Augusta. The funeral procession was led by four companies of male students from Haines Institute of that city. Following the students was a very large representation of ministers from all parts of this and other States. The procession was at least four blocks long. There was a large representation from schools of this state and Florida. All along the line of march crowds of people awaited to bow their heads in sorrow for the loss of an uncompromising champion of the race, state and nation.

A tremendous gathering attended the services at Springfield Baptist church which were conducted by Rev. C. T. Walker, D.D., LL.D. There was no sermon preached but addresses were made by a number of personal friends of Dr. White. Among them were addresses by

Dr. C. T. Walker, Dr. L. P. Pinckney, Dr. Geo. H. Dwelle, Rev. Chas. Williams, Miss Lucy H. Tapley, President of Spelman Seminary, Prof. Griffith Brawley, Dean of Atlanta Baptist College, and Prof. J. W. Gilbert, of Paine College. Beautiful music was rendered by the choirs of Paine College, Haines Institute, Walker Baptist Institute, Springfield Baptist church choir, and Harmony Baptist church choir. There was also a number of excellent solos rendered. As the bier was borne from the church the choir sang softly and sweetly, "Abide with Me."

As great a crowd as waited at the church awaited at the cemetery. The services there were also conducted by Dr. C. T. Walker. At one of the public schools of Augusta the week prior to Dr. White's death, he had told the children of how he was instrumental in getting the first public school for them in that city and expressed the desire that hoped when he died that every school child would drop a flower in his grave. There awaited at the grave the public school children of Augusta, and as the choir sang "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," each school child marched by and dropped a rose in his grave. Dr. White was a great lover of children and was in return loved by the children.

The appreciation of Dr. White's life was shown by a great display of floral offerings and also a tremendous influx of telegrams and letters of sympathy and condolence from all parts of the country.

Dr. White's services in this life were extensive and were very unselfish in their efforts for the educational and spiritual uplift of the Negro race. His was an unflinching devotion to the best interests of the race. He was the founder of Augusta Institute which later became Atlanta Baptist College. He was also vice-president of the Board of Trustees of Spelman Seminary. He was the oldest Negro newspaper editor in the state of Georgia and was for a number of years one of the leaders of the Negro Republicans of this state. Above all his entire life was spent in the services of the ministry. He has lived a life that is truly worthy of emu-

ation by all and is an inspiration to the younger generation of the Negro race to set their ideals to a high standard of citizenship and by carrying them out they will prove worthy of their noble heritage. Not only has the Baptist denomination lost a great father but all denominations and the race as whole.

Dr. White leaves behind six children who are: Mrs. Chas. A. Shaw, of Brunswick, Ga.; Mr. Isaiah W. White, of Augusta, Ga.; Mrs. Isaiah Blocker, of Augusta, Ga.; Mr. L. H. White, New York City; Mr. W. J. White, Jr., Augusta; Miss Claudia T. White, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. R. C. Williams, Augusta, Ga. He also leaves behind fifteen grand children and four great grand children. Among some of his grand children are: Mrs. G. H. Edwards, Brunswick, Ga.; Mr. Chas. A. Shaw, Jr., Washington, D. C.; Ma Belle White, of Atlanta, Ga.; Mr. W. J. Shaw, of Savannah, Ga.; Mrs. Willie Alice Butler, New York City, and Mrs. F. M. Mann, of Troy, N. Y.

"THE GEORGIA BAPTIST MAN."

Negro Baptists and journalism have sustained a great loss in the death of the Rev. William J. White, Sr., D.D., at Augusta, Ga., April 17. He was widely known as "The Georgia Baptist Man." He was eighty years old when he died, active to the last as a Baptist pastor, and for thirty-three years editor of *The Georgia Baptist*. Everybody who knew him respected Dr. White, whose good nature was infectious, and whose common-sense philosophy and bubbling wit made his editorial and pastoral work far reaching and effective. And he was an uncompromising race man, with the courage of wise prudence, although he could pass anywhere in Georgia and the South as a white man. He cast his lot with the Negro, and for fifty years was a wise and courageous fighter for their just rights as citizens and uplift as people.

Dr. White had his ups and downs as an editor; he did not always preach sermons in his paper that pictured the glories of the hereafter; he sometimes pictured the horrors of the white man's dealings with the black man. The whites did not like it. They never do like to be told the truth about their wrongdoing. But Dr. White kept on pegging away at wrongdoing and stand-

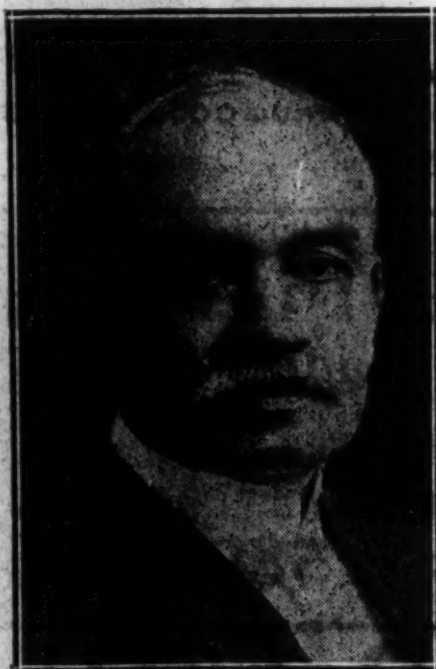
ing manfully for righteousness. Only four years ago a short paragraph was printed in *The Georgia Baptist* that woke up the mob spirit in Augusta and Dr. White had to escape to "the other side" and remain there until the storm spent the fury of its wrath.

Dr. White was a wise and courageous Negro soldier in the pulpit and in the editorial chair, standing like a beacon light for what was highest and best in the life and possibilities of his race. He fought the good fight; he kept the faith, and henceforth he will wear the crown of glory of "the good and faithful soldier."

DR. JOHN R. FRANCIS DEAD

Representative Washington Expires After Six Weeks' Illness—Funeral Held Monday Afternoon—Interment in Woodlawn Cemetery—Active and Useful Career.

SPECIAL TO THE NEW YORK AGE: WASHINGTON, D. C., May 28.—The funeral of the late Dr. John R. Francis, who died Friday, May 23d, at his home, 1102 Ninth street northwest, after a six weeks' illness, was held Monday afternoon at the Fifteenth Street Pres-



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byterian Church, the Rev. F. J. Grimke officiating. Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery.

The large outpouring of citizens of Washington, representative of the best types of both races, and of all classes, together with the many and beautiful floral tributes, testified as to the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

The pallbearers were: J. C. Napier, Dr. J. R. Wilder, Prof. William Montgomery, H. C. Tyson, Shermont Lewis and Daniel Murray.

Floral pieces were received from the Board of Trustees of Howard University, Apilon Boule, Gamma Boule, Board of Children's Guardians, faculty of the M. St. High School, faculty of the Armstrong Manual Training School, Book Lovers, Washington Dramatic Club, Home and Foreign Missionary Society, Colored Y. W. C. A. (Board of Managers), teachers and children of Temporary Home, Medica Chirurgical Society, Robt. Freeman Dental Society, Mrs. Thomas Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Albert, Prof. and Mrs. Wm. Tunnell, Mr. and Mrs. White, Miss Helen Sebastian, Dr. and Mrs. Wilder, Mr. and Mrs. Wilder Montgomery, Dr. J. Franklin Allen, Mrs. John H. Brooks, Dr. Hill of Jacksonville, Fla.; Dr. and Mrs. Scottfield Montgomery, Archie Lewis and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hunster, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Murray, ex-Governor Pinckney B. S. Chaback, Miss Florence Cook, Mrs. Jessie Ellis, Mrs. Gert Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hopkins, the Misses Page, Mrs. Eugene Brooks, Mrs. Neeton Williams, Miss Susan Cook, Miss Florence Cook, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. K. Syphat, Mrs. Margery Hurst, Miss Ella Perry, Mrs. M. F. Benn, Miss Rosebud Murray, Mrs. Wm. Houston, Miss Lucy Nooks, Whist Club (Janey Freeman Booth), Miss Martha Daniels, Dr. and Mrs. Elbert, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Douglass, Dr. and Mrs. G. D. Williams, the Grays, Oliver Randolph, Miss Ella D. Barrier, Mr. and Mrs. Pelham, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. M. V. Lightford, C. A. Allen, Mrs. M. E. Tuckers and daughter, R. Henderson, Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, Mr. and Mrs. Cristis Syphap, Mrs. Annie Wilder Syphap, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harris, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Morse, Mrs. Myrtle Wheeler.

Letters and telegrams of condolence numbered in the hundreds.

Dr. Francis was a man of commanding physique, exemplary habits, strong character and a record of 57 years unmarked by any previous serious illness, and his best of friends were shocked when the news spread through the city last week that the doctor was at the point of death, through the somewhat sudden development of a complication of ailments. He was taken to the well-equipped New Freedmen's hospital here, where every care that medical skill could suggest was given. However, all efforts to rally the patient were unavailing.

In the beautiful tribute paid Dr. Francis' memory by his pastor, the many strong points in his character were finely emphasized, and the useful lessons to be drawn from his busy, useful life were eloquently presented by the pastor of the Berean Baptist Church, who participated in the service.

The president of Howard University offered prayer, and two members of the university choir aided the choir of the 15th Street Presbyterian Church, in the beautifully appropriate musical selections.

In the passing away of Dr. Francis,

Washington has lost one of its most useful citizens, and the Negro race one of the most conspicuous examples of the best achievements of that race.

Born in District of Columbia.

Dr. Francis was born in the District of Columbia in 1856, and was given his early training in the private and public schools of this city. He completed his academic course at Wilbraham, Mass., and pursued his medical studies at Ann Arbor, Mich., where he graduated with high honors in the class of 1878. He immediately returned to Washington, where he began the practice of his profession. The high standing of his father's family proved of

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value to him in the effort to gain a professional foothold in the community, and the earnest, careful, intelligent industry which he displayed in his work supplied all that was needed to lay the foundation for the splendid professional success he achieved. For thirty-five years he applied himself assiduously to his profession, and at his death was in the lead of the strong, capable and successful group of colored practitioners here. Dr. Francis was the first colored physician to build and equip a sanitarium here for colored patients, the first to install a complete electrical outfit in his office for meeting all modern demands of electrical treatment of diseases; the first to use an automobile in his practice, and the first to install telephone service in his office. He was always identified with the Freedmen's Hospital, having once served as acting surgeon-in-chief through an appointment by the Secretary of the Interior, Hoke Smith, during the Cleveland administration.

Once Member of School Board.

The deceased was at one time a member of the District School Board, in which capacity he introduced many measures representing acknowledged improvements in the educational system of the city. The introduction of industrial instruction in the colored public school, the raising of the standard of the teaching force in the High School, and the institution of grade meetings for the conference of teachers were some of the things brought about by his initiative. He was a member of the Board of Children's Guardians, and a trustee of Howard University, and also president of the board which conducts the colored social settlement work in southwest Washington.

Dr. Francis' surviving family consists of his widow, Mrs. Bettie Francis, a young daughter in the High School, and four sons, one of whom is practicing medicine, having graduated from Howard University; another graduating from the University of Pennsylvania, is now practicing dentistry here; another who graduated from Harvard University and also from the Harvard Law School, is now practicing his profession in San Juan, Porto Rico, and the fourth son, having graduated from Dartmouth, is now teaching in this city.

OBITUARY

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Read by Rev. H. H. Cooper
Fannie Miriam Jackson was born a slave at Washington, District of Columbia, in October, 1837.

She was purchased by an aunt, Mrs. Sarah Clark, and sent to New Bedford, Mass., the home of another aunt, with the view of giving her an opportunity to attend school. At the age of fourteen she went to New Bedford, N. I., to live with another aunt, where she had better school advantages.

In her yet unpublished autobiography she says, "I first had an hour every other afternoon to take private lessons, but afterwards got a chance to go to school every day, except washing and ironing day." Having, through dint of industry and hard study, prepared herself, she entered the Normal School at Bristol, R. I., and afterward went to Oberlin College in Ohio, from which she graduated in 1865, and came to Philadelphia, where after teaching for a time as principal of the girls department, I. C. Y., she afterwards became principal of the school and continued her labors as such until 1902, a period of thirty-seven years, during which time she promoted the first Industrial school north.

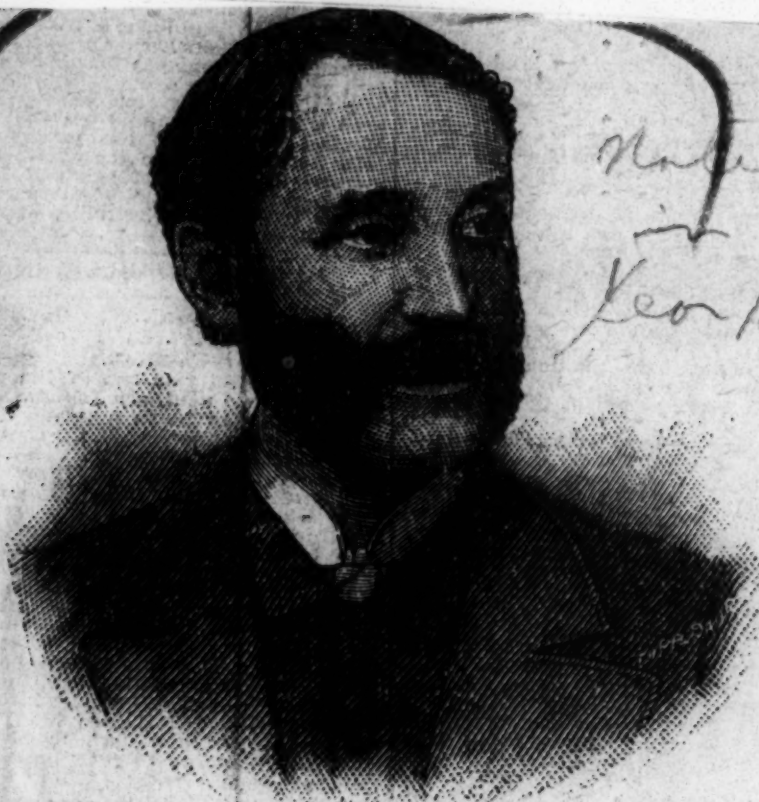
She was united in holy wedlock to Rev. L. J. Coppin, December 21st, 1881, who was elected one of the Bishops of the A. M. E. Church in 1900 and became resident Bishop at Cape Town, South Africa. His wife joined him in this mission field in 1902, and for two years, the balance of the Quadrennium, was actively engaged in the Educational, Missionary and Temperance work among the native people of her husband's district.

The marriage union was a peculiarly happy one, and mutually enjoyed by husband and wife, until brought to a close on Tuesday, January 21st, after a happy companionship of thirty-one years and one month.

Since retiring from active public work she began the preparation of a work entitled, "Reminiscences of School Life and Notes on Teaching." Arrangements were made only a few months ago for its publication, and the work halted on account of illness.

Her life was an open book and the best testimony of its value to the world is seen in the lives she influenced.

She was converted while a student at Oberlin and was a member of the Church of the Crucifixion, Philadelphia, up to the time of her marriage, when she, following the fortune of her husband, joined the African Methodist Episcopal Church and was an active member of Bethel church, Philadelphia, at the time of her departure for her eternal home.



REV. DR. JAMES M. TOWNSEND.

Well-Known Churchman of the A. M. E. Connection, Died at His Home in Richmond, Ind., Wednesday, June 18.

RICHMOND, Ind., June 18.—The Rev. James M. Townsend, seventy-seven years old, one of the most prominent Negroes in the Middle West, and for forty years a minister in the African Methodist church, died at his home here last night.

He served as recorder of the general conference at Washington under President Harrison. Mr. Townsend served in the general assembly of Indiana, being elected from Wayne county to the lower house in 1885. He was born at Gallipolis, O., and was graduated from Oberlin college in 1867. His first position in an educational line

was at Evansville, Ind., where he taught school for two years and in 1871 became a member of the Indiana conference, A. M. E. church, filling thereafter pastorates in Indianapolis, Terre Haute and Richmond. He was for nine years missionary secretary of the Home and Foreign Missionary society of the A. M. E. church and his travels in this work took him abroad several times. He visited Africa, South America and most of the countries of Europe. He also filled pulpits in Chicago and Columbus, O.

Mr. Townsend was a civil war veteran and a member of the Grand Army.

Springfield Church, and a short while later founded, with a few others of Springfield's members, the Harmony Baptist Church, located in the southern section of the city, which church he pastored, except for a few years' interim, until his death.

Dr. White was the founder of the Augusta Theological Institute, which was moved to Atlanta and became the Atlanta Baptist College. He was also closely associated with Miss Packard and Miss Giles in the founding of Spelman Seminary.

On October 28, 1880, Dr. White began the publication of the *Georgia Baptist*, of which he became the editor, and this position he held continuously ever since. This paper is the second oldest Negro paper in the country and has never changed its editorial or business management, nor has it ever missed an issue—this notwithstanding the fact that the *Georgia Baptist* office was flooded one and burn out once.

Dr. White was an agent for the Freedman's Bureau during the period of

reconstruction and later became a deputy collector in the United States Revenue Service, which position he held for more than eleven years, resigning because of the demands upon his time by the newspaper business.

Illness of Short Duration.

He was actively engaged in his church and editorial work up to his last days, as on the Sunday preceding his death he baptized a number of converts at his church, Harmony, and in the issue of the *Georgia Baptist* appearing the day of his death were several articles from his pen. The exertion of the Sunday services in which he preached, baptized and administered the Lord's Supper proved too much for his strength and he was compelled to take to his bed on Monday. Although all that loving and faithful care from his family and the utmost that medical skill could do was done to prolong his life, early Thursday evening he breathed his last.

Surviving him are three sons and four daughters, Isaiah W. White, Augusta; Mrs. Chas. A. Shaw, Brunswick; Lucien H. White, New York City; Mrs. Isaiah Blocker, Augusta; W. J. White, Jr., Augusta; Miss Claudia T. White, Atlanta Baptist College, Atlanta, and Mrs. Robt. C. Williams, Augusta. There are six grand children and four great-grandchildren living. Besides one brother, the Rev. Willis Tate, of Atlanta, there are a number of relatives in other sections of the State and country.

MRS. FANNY JACKSON COPPIN.

Mrs. Fanny Jackson Coppin died at her home in Philadelphia, January 22, at the age of seventy-six years.

Mrs. Coppin was a woman of remarkable personality, character and abilities. Graduating from Oberlin College in 1865 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, she at once entered upon the work of an educator in the Institute for Colored Youth, as a lecturer of rare charm and power and as a tireless worker in church and charitable work, in which she continued for quite thirty-five years. Thirty years ago, when he was a pastor in Baltimore, Miss Jackson became the wife of Bishop Levi J. Coppin. She retired from school room in 1900, when her husband was elected a bishop, and in 1902 accompanied him on his episcopal visit to South Africa.

The Negro race in the United States need not despair as long as it can produce women of the character, ability and industry of Mrs. Fanny Jackson Coppin. In the school room, on the lecture platform, in church and charitable work, and in the home, she was a woman every inch of her. "None knew her but to love her; none named her but to praise."

Philadelphia Record
FANNY J. COPPIN.
The most distinguished Negro woman of the past generation in her line of endeavor was Fanny Jackson Coppin. She was the master teacher. She had finished her work. She was in retirement and we can in a measure discuss her life with more of finality than we could if she had been cut down in her youth.

Fanny Jackson, for that was her maiden name, was born a slave. It would have, therefore, been a distinction if she had only gone through college. For in her day the great question was "Can the Negro Acquire the Education of the White Man?" She went through the Rhode Island Normal School. That alone was at that time—far back in the fifties—an accomplishment for any woman. But she showed an extraordinary character by not stopping there, but in continuing her studies and graduating "A.B." at Oberlin College. A.B. at Oberlin! Let us look back. At that time the Civil War was in progress. At that time there was no college in the country except one which admitted Negroes. But further, there were but few colleges which would admit women—not Negro women, but any women, white women. The temper of the country was then that college education was not needed for free women, no needed for white women. Yet a such a time a Negro woman born a slave went through Oberlin and achieved an A.B. Was that not distinction? Those of us today who pay but little attention to achieving an A.B. can hardly appreciate what such an achievement meant at that time.

But she did more. Because she was first she had superior opportunity. She used this opportunity with rare distinction, not only for herself, but for her people. She came to Philadelphia forty-seven years ago. At the end of that time she was one of the most beloved persons in the city. For forty years Fanny Coppin was the inspirer of thousands. Her name was a synonym for character, for high aspiration, for purity, for thoroughness, and for righteousness.

She was not blessed with motherhood, and no one will hand down the blood of Coppin to the future. But she will live in hearts of hundreds. She mothered thousands and today in hundreds of cities and towns her spiritual children are loving and useful witnesses of her spiritual and intellectual motherhood.

Her well-balanced mind and common sense way of viewing things is no better illustrated than in her joining the A. M. E. Church. Although she had been an Episcopalian, and her work was not directly connected with the Church, when she cast

her lot with an A. M. E. preacher, she left all to follow him.

Mrs. Coppin was referred to as a distinguished Negro woman. But she was distinguished as a woman with no racial limitations and right nobly did she stand the severe test of her sex in the storm and stress period during the last quarter of the past century.

During the period of her activity we saw the emergency of the modern woman, whose development has had many delicate and serious sometimes ludicrous phases. First in the use of education. Not only did Mrs. Coppin in her life serve as an example for Negro women, but for all women. Then in her attitude toward marriage. In her day it was thought by a certain type of college educated women that the marriage relation should be thought lightly of. At the age of forty-five she showed that love is not lessened by education, and for thirty-one years was a living example of the professionally trained woman as a home maker.

There were in her day many women whose lives education wrecked, who had their heads so turned as to make them ridiculous in the eyes of the world. Fanny Coppin did for her sex in her assimilation of the highest culture, combined with the greatest wifely character, what many white

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M. JEFFERSON WHITE DEAD

Editor of Georgia Baptist Buried Monday—Deceased Was 80 Years Old—Labored for Sixty Years in the Interest of His Race.

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE

Augusta, Ga., April 22.—The Rev. William Jefferson White, D.D., was buried Monday afternoon, April 21, from the old mother church, Springfield Baptist Church, corner Twelfth and Reynolds streets. Dr. White died Thursday evening, April 17, at 7.09 o'clock, at his family home, 1136 Ninth street, after only a few days' illness.

He was born on Christmas Day, 1832, and was in his eighty-first year. For at least sixty years he has labored for the uplift of the Negro, even in the days of slavery conducting by stealth a school where the slaves could learn to read and write. This school was taught at night from 1853 to 1865. In 1866 he was ordained a Baptist minister at

women failed to do.

She also showed that even marriage does not necessarily retard one's mental and spiritual development, nor one's civic usefulness, and she and her distinguished husband side by side, hand in hand, marched to the highest success in their chosen fields of labor, each helping the other.

Her last days were spent in compiling her autobiography, which ought to be an invaluable book for the present and for the future.

But Mrs. Coppin is not dead. She only sleeps. She is not dead. She is only resting for her labors. She is not dead. She is immortal. For is the creature greater than the creator. Her works continue. The school to which she gave character and reputation still lives; the thoughts and aspirations she called forth in the minds and hearts of others still live. A thousand happy and useful heart histories have resulted from her efforts. Her love still lives; her thoughts still live. Why not she?

BISHOP SALTER BURIED

Funeral Held at Charleston, S. C., Last Friday—More Than Three Thousand Attended Services—Bishop Turner Delivers Principal Eulogy

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CHARLESTON, S. C., April 1.—The funeral of Bishop Moses B. Salter, who died at his home, 30 Vanderhorst street, a few days ago, was held at Emmanuel A. M. E. Church last Friday morning. More than 3,000 persons, including many of the bishops and prominent ministers of the church, were present. The principal eulogy was delivered by Bishop Henry M. Turner, of Atlanta. He took for his text Matthew, 20th chapter and 8th verse. He paid a tribute to the dead prelate's life and services, and gave an outline of his work for the church for over 50 years.

Bishops Levi J. Coppin and W. D. Chapelle, R. E. Wall of Columbia, S. C., a boyhood friend of the deceased, and the Rev. D. M. Baxter of Jacksonville, Fla., delivered brief eulogies. The latter praised Bishop Salter for his efforts in establishing Edward Waters College at Jacksonville. The Rev. W. W. Beckett, president of Allen University; the Rev. Dr. L. R. Nichols, and Dr. N. B. Sterrett, pastor of the church where the funeral was held, also took part in the services. Interment was in the reserved Fellowship Cemetery.

Bishop Salter was born here February 13, 1841. He was converted in 1857. He was licensed to preach in 1865, and the following year was ordained an elder. He received his theological training at Wilberforce University. He was ordained to the episcopacy in 1892. He was superannuated at the last A. M. E. General Conference. A widow and an adopted son survive him.

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Washington, D. C. December 3.
The memorial service of the late Dr. John R. Francis under the auspices of the Social Settlement Association of the District of Columbia, drew out a large audience last Monday evening at the Metropolitan A. M. E. church. Prof. Roscoe Conkling Bruce, who recently succeeded Dr. Francis as president of the Social Settlement Association, presided and delivered a speech setting forth the cardinal objects of the social settlement movement among the colored people and extolling the labors of the late Dr. Francis in the promotion of this helpful project. The principal address of the evening was delivered by the Hon. William Jennings Bryan, Secretary of State. Mr. Bryan's keynote was, "The true measure of greatness is service." The most potent manner in which the memory of Dr. Francis could be honored would be to continue the great service to mankind that he had so nobly and so unselfishly inaugurated. Mr. Bryan's speech was one of the most effective he has delivered in this city and was remarkable in that he spoke for all humanity, dealt with the loftiest principles of the Bible and philosophy and applying them broadly without once mentioning the race problem. There was not a single word in the address of forty-five minutes to indicate that Dr. Francis was a member of any particular race. He was simply a great man.

The memorial address was presented by Prof. George William Cook of Howard University and it was a graphic picture of the inner life of Dr. Francis as he was known by a lifelong friend. The details of the social settlement work were given by Mr. William L. Washington, the superintendent of the Settlement Home on L street Southwest, and other talks dealing with the needs of the race's poorer classes in the city were made by Major R. R. Moten, commandant of Hampton Institute, and Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones of the Bureau of Education. Major Moten, paying a tribute to the late Dr. Francis, took occasion to declare that it was a "pity" that the Negro wanted in his struggle for the higher life. He wanted only an equal chance with all other peoples, and if he did not "make good," that would be the race's own fault. "Give the black man a fair chance—no special favors, no handicaps," said the major, "and he will need no man's pity on account of his color."

Superintendent W. M. Davidson delivered a telling address.

Excellent music was rendered by Miss Lola Johnson, Miss Charlotte B. Wallace, Dr. C. Sumner Wormley and the Metropolitan A. M. E. church choir, under the direction of Prof. John T. Layton, with Prof. William Braxton as accompanist. A goodly sum was raised by subscription for the promotion of the work of the Social Settlement. Mr. Bruce is doing a splendid work in this movement and is proving a worthy successor to the late Dr. Francis. Many teachers of the public schools were present at the memorial meeting and all pledge themselves to lend their aid to Mr. Bruce in making the cause an agency for the uplift of the race.

DEATH OF BISHOP SALTER.
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Special to THE FREEMAN

Bishop Moses B. Salter, twenty-first bishop of the A. M. E. church, died Tuesday, March 25th at Charleston, S. C. Bishop Salter was born February 13, 1841; converted in 1856; licensed to preach in 1865; ordained in 1866; elected Bishop 1892; retired at the last General Conference, 1912. Had been paralyzed for more than a year. Funeral March 28, at 11 o'clock, from the Reformed Church, corner Amity street and Bowne avenue. The spacious edifice was filled to the doors, and in the congregation were many of the most distinguished ministers and laymen of the African

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT.

4-12-13
Hon. Henry T. Eubanks, who was three times elected to the Ohio Legislature and one of Ohio's most prominent men, died last week of heart failure. He was an active member and vestryman of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Funeral was held from St. Andrew's Church Saturday, February 22. Rev. B. Wellington, pastor, was assisted by Bishop Leonard and the Rev. Frank DuMonlin, D. D., dean of Trinity Cathedral. A choir of thirty voices and two solos by Miss Ruby Yates and C. C. Clark. Sunday night, March 2, memorial services for Mr. Eubanks were held at St. Andrew's. J. W. Wills has charge of the music, assisted by the choir. Hon. John P. Green, LL. D., spoke of Mr. Eubanks as a churchman, and Charles W. Chestnut, author and writer, spoke of him as a citizen and a public man. The rector spoke of his noble qualities as a "friend to men."

DERRICK FUNERAL WELL ATTENDED

Services Held from the Reformed Church, Flushing, Long Island

BISHOP TURNER SPEAKS

Aged Churchman Delivers Eulogy Over Life-Long Friend and Was Greatly Affected.

DISTINGUISHED MEN PRESENT

Prominent Churchman and Laymen Take Part—Remains Interred in Flushing Cemetery. *N.Y. Age 4-24-13*

The funeral of the late Bishop William B. Derrick, D. D., who died at his home, Bishop's Court, 26 State street Flushing, Long Island, N. Y., Tuesday, April 15 was held Monday, April 21, at 11 o'clock, from the Reformed Church, corner Amity street and Bowne avenue. The spacious edifice was filled to the doors, and in the congregation were many of the most distinguished ministers and laymen of the African

Methodist Episcopal Church, from all sections of the country, as well as many prominent people, white as well as colored, of other denominations, and representing all walks of life.

Bishop C. T. Shaffer, D. D., presided. Seated on the rostrum were Bishop H. M. Turner, D. D., Bishop C. S. Smith, D. D., Bishop L. J. Coppin, D. D., Bishop H. B. Parks, D. D., Bishop J. A. Jones, D. D., Bishop John Hurst, D. D., Bishop Evans Tyree, D. D., Bishop B. F. Lee, D. D., Dr. Booker T. Washington, the Rev. C. E. Allen, Prof. W. S. Scarborough and others.

The eulogy was delivered by Bishop Turner, who had been one of Bishop Derrick's life-long friends. The venerable prelate was affected so greatly by his emotions that it was a hard task for him to give expression to the thought that crowded his mind for utterance. Incidents concerning the work of Bishop Derrick in the early days of his ministry were recited and his accomplishments for the upbuilding of the Lord's Kingdom and the advancement of the church were brought out.

Remarks were made by Dr. Booker T. Washington, Bishop Tyree and the Rev. C. E. Allen, D. D., each of whom spoke of personal relations existing with Bishop Derrick, and generally of his influence in the development of Church and State.

The choirs of Bethel A. M. E. Church New York City, and Bridge Street A. M. E. Church, Brooklyn, were united for the funeral service, and furnished the music.

Order of Services.

The order of services was as follows: Opening hymn, "Servant of God, Well Done." Announced by Bishop C. S. Smith, D. D.

Prayer, Bishop L. J. Coppin, D. D. First Scripture lesson, Nineteenth Psalm, Bishop H. B. Parks, D. D.

Hymn, "Asleep in Jesus," the Rev. R. D. Singleton, D. D.

Second Scripture lesson, First Corinthians, fifteenth chapter, beginning with the thirty-fifth verse. Bishop J. A. Jones, D. D.

Anthem, by united choirs of Bethel A. M. E. Church, New York City and Bridge Street A. M. E. Church, Brooklyn.

Reading memorial. Bishop John

Hurst, D. D.

Eulogy, Bishop H. M. Turner, D. D. Solo.

Remarks, Bishop Evans Tyree, D. D.; Rev. C. E. Allen, D. D.; Dr. Booker T. Washington.

Music, "Home of the Soul."

Announcement of telegrams, Prof. J. R. Hawkins.

Announcement of resolutions by delegates.

Prayer and benediction, Bishop B. F. Lee, D. D.

The honorary pallbearers were: The Rev. Alexander Scott, D. D., Florida; the Rev. A. L. Murray, D. D., New

Jersey; the Rev. W. H. Thomas, D. D., Boston; the Rev. R. R. Wright, A. M., Philadelphia; the Rev. Dr. Washington, Louisiana; the Rev. C. E. Bundy, D. D., Ohio; the Rev. B. W. Arnett, D. D., New York; the Rev. T. J. Askew, Pittsburgh; the Rev. C. P. Cole, D. D., Brooklyn; the Rev. M. W. Thornton, D. D.; the Rev. E. J. Howard, D. D.

The floral offerings were many and beautiful, coming from all sections of the country, the most conspicuous being large standing wreaths from the Fifteenth Episcopal District, over which Bishop Derrick presided, from the New York conference, and from the police department of Flushing.

Wiley G. Overton, undertaker, Brooklyn, had charge of the funeral arrangements, and the interment was in the family vault in the Flushing Cemetery.

During the services a number of let-